

With the stated mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character, the Girl Scouts of America started as a group of just 18 in Savannah, GA, in 1915. And as the Scouts have grown up along with the country, their cause has lost none of its relevance or necessity. They have brought those simple, yet noble ideals to all parts of the Nation and now proudly claim a membership of more than 3.6 million.

Through the Girl Scouts, young women develop a sense of civic responsibility and self-esteem that helps them realize the critical role they have to play in their communities and their country. Similar ideals were taught to me at an early age by my family and have helped to motivate and inspire me throughout my career.

Years ago, my mother told me, "It's a fact, not a fault, that we haven't had more women in elected office. It's just the way history turned out. But it's our fault if we don't do something to change that and to bring more women into government and the future."

Today, I am proud to be one of 16 women serving in the Senate—the largest class of women Senators in American history. Across the country, we see women taking more active leadership roles not only politics, but business, education and science. We have built on the great foundation that was laid for us by generations past, and it is our responsibility to these courageous leaders to continue momentum forward. This is especially true in Arkansas as we carry on legacy of Hattie Caraway, the first woman ever elected to the Senate and a trailblazer for women in politics.

There is still much left to do, and the unyielding commitment of groups like the Girl Scouts will prepare the next wave of great American women to the benefit of their communities and country. Once again, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and most sincere thanks to the Ouachita Council for 80 years of service to the girls of Arkansas.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1239. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1240. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral James D. McArthur, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1241. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Environmental Programs of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1242. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Joseph R. Inge, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1243. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Steven W. Boutelle, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1244. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitation on Issuance of Excess Stock" (RIN3069-AB30) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1245. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1246. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of a Foreign Private Issuer's Registration of a Class of Securities Under Section 12(g) and Duty to File Reports Under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AJ38) received on March 28, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1247. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign supplies purchased during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1248. A communication from the Acting Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sudanese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR part 538) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1249. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Appointive Directors" (RIN3069-AB33) received on March

29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1250. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act; Implementation" (RIN3069-AB32) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1251. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-004)" (RIN1625-AA08) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1252. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-011)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1253. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD13-06-048)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1254. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; South Portland, Maine, Gulf Blasting Project (CGD01-07-012)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1255. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations (including 4 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-027)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1256. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Chesapeake Bay, between Sandy Point and Kent Island, MD (CGD05-06-104)" (RIN1625-AA87) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1257. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification relative to his intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Republic of Panama; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1258. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for Approval and Re-approval of Transplant Centers to Perform Organ Transplants" (RIN0938-AH17) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1259. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to payments made to Cuba for telecommunications services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1260. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions; Exemption of Positions and Revision of Departmental Component Designations" (RIN3209-AA14) received on March 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1261. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1262. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Green Valley of Russian River Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB18) received on March 28, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1263. A communication from the Acting Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to Freedom of Information Act litigation cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1264. A communication from the Acting Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on certain activities pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1265. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0174) received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1266. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin; Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2006-2007 Crop Year for Tart Cherries" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0187) received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1267. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2007-2008 Marketing Year" (Docket No. FV07-985-1 FR) received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1268. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Reallocation of Mushroom Council Membership" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0019) received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1269. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cut Flow-

ers from Countries with Chrysanthemum White Rust" (Docket No. 03-016-3) received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1270. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 322. A bill to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project (Rept. No. 110-43).

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 375. A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-44).

S. 398. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-45).

S. 481. A bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities (Rept. No. 110-46).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 109th Congress" (Rept. No. 110-47).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (Rept. No. 110-48).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 556, a bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-49).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 613. A bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-50).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 442. A bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders (Rept. No. 110-51).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1077. A bill to safely redeploy United States troops from Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1078. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for employer-provided employee housing assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1079. A bill to establish the Star-Spanned Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1080. A bill to develop a program to acquire interests in land from eligible individuals within the Crow Reservation in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1081. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a flat tax only on individual taxable earned income and business taxable income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1082. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALLARD, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1083. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase competitiveness in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. CANTWELL)):

S. 1084. A bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 140. A resolution to authorize legal representation in the Matter of the Application of Committee on Finance; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 141. A resolution urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service who have yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 142. A resolution observing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and calling on the remaining member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords immediately to allow open access to the Bad